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MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND CABINET

Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Sir Steve Bullock (Mayor), Alan Smith, Chris Best, Kevin Bonavia, Joe Dromey, Joan Millbank and Rachel Onikosi.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Janet Daby, Councillor Damien Egan and Councillor Paul Maslin.

56. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Kevin Bonavia declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6 as Chair of the Blackheath Joint Worling Party which had submitted views on the Events Policy. He withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

57. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on September 13 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

58. Matters Raised by Scrutiny and other Constitutional Bodies

None were raised.

59. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

The Mayor noted there had been no slippage since the last report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

60. LIP Annual Spending Submission 2018-19

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the LIP Annual Spending Submission 2018/19 to TfL as set out in Tables 1-3, and the updated programme for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A, be approved.

61. Blackheath Joint Events Policy 2017-2020

Councillor Kevin Bonavia withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Rachel Onikosi confirmed the joint policy had already been agreed by the London Borough of Greenwich.

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, Councillor Rachel Onikosi, the Mayor agreed that the Joint Policy for Lewisham and Greenwich Councils in relation to events and activities taking place on Blackheath, as set out in Appendix A,

be approved.

62. New Homes Programme Update

Councillor Joan Millbank welcomed the extensive consultation which had been undertaken and received confirmation there would be a replacement community centre on the Somerville Estate before the current building was demolished.

The Mayor praised the extensive efforts by officers which had led to an excellent result.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the progress update at Section 5 be received;
- (2) subject to the consent of the Secretary of State being obtained under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985, the appropriation of the Council owned land shown hatched black on Plan A attached at Appendix B, from housing purposes to planning purposes be approved under Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 as set out in section 6; and
- (3) the making of an application to the Secretary of State under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985 for consent to the appropriation, be approved.

63. Good Growth Fund

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Smith, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that the submission of a full proposal to the GGF to support the development of the new Goldsmiths Centre of Contemporary Arts Gallery and a new Enterprise and Business Incubation Centre on New Cross High Street be approved.

64. Local Government Ombudsman – CWCN Service & Complaints Service

The Executive Director for Children and Young People's representative stated all the recommendations made by the Ombudsman had been acted upon but that the case still need to be reported to the Council.

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the report be received and forwarded to the Council for consideration.

65. Response to SSCSC referral on Library and Information Service Annual Report

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Health, Well Being and Older People, Councillor Chris Best, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the response from the Executive Director for Community Services to the comments of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee be approved and forwarded to the Select Committee.

66. Response to PAC on Financial Out-turn 2016-17 and Income Generation

Having considered an officer report and a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Bonavia, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the response from the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to two referrals by Public Account Select Committee on the 2016/17 Financial outturn and income generation, and forwarded to the Public Accounts Select Committee.

67. Comments of the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Catford regeneration

Having considered an officer report, the Mayor:

RESOLVED that the views of the Select Committee be received and the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration be asked to provide a response for Mayoral consideration.

68. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 and under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs [3, 4 and 5] of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

14. High Needs Debt Write-Off

69. High Needs debt write off

Having considered a confidential officer report, the Mayor, for the reasons set out in the report:

RESOLVED that unrecoverable debts to the value of £281,812.22 be written off.

The meeting closed at 18.41pm